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## For the Common Good

The University of Dayton has launched For the Common Good, a website outlining five overarching themes of the University's ambitious strategic vision, introduced by President Eric F. Spina in his inauguration address in April.

The vision was developed in a nearly year-long process — involving more than 3,000 board members, alumni, donors, faculty, staff, students, and community leaders — that explored what makes the University distinctive and what the University should work toward during the next 20 years.

"Our vision for the future was distilled into an overarching statement and five themes with accompanying goals to crystalize the thoughts and aspirations that emerged from the strategic visioning process. It will form a foundation for our work ahead," Spina said.

Spina said a number of initiatives are already underway, but many goals, especially those calling for deeper collaborations and partnerships, will involve long-term planning and development. Several initiatives, such as the Arcade Innovation Hub, are in active planning.

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"We won't be working on everything immediately or at the same time," he said. "Some of our aspirations, such as developing a truly transdisciplinary faculty and extending our research strengths, will require considerable time to fully develop."

Spina said the broad-based visioning process made clear the University's core values not only form the foundation of the University's mission, but are also the guideposts for the future.

"Our Catholic, Marianist values and our faith in our ability to work together to shape a more just future call us to lead in service to the common good," he said.

University of Dayton vision:

As a Catholic, Marianist university, we are committed to integrating knowledge — and searching for truth grounded in both faith and reason. Humanity's needs set our direction, shape our currents, inspire our research, motivate our partnerships, and form our graduates.

We graduate servant-leaders educated in community building and innovation. We conduct research that leads to a more just and sustainable world, leverages emerging technologies to advance human potential, and creates economic value locally and globally.

We do this through partnerships — local, national, and global — calling upon our Catholic, Marianist commitment to work in community and our history of adapting to the world's changing needs.

We are the university for the times at hand and the times ahead — For the Common Good.

Visit [udayton.edu/visionud](http://udayton.edu/visionud) to view the video and learn more about the University's vision: [For the Common Good](#).

A national publication covering the wind power engineering industry and several local outlets featured the University of Dayton Research Institute's new wind turbine to boost alternative-energy research and educational opportunities. Also, Caroline Waldron Merithew was the subject of a American Historical Association member spotlight and Law.com blog Ahead of the Curve and an op-ed in Inside Higher Ed discussed the School of Law's entry into online education.

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